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Retired & Senior Volunteer Program

Senior volunteers meeting critical community needs

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What is the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program?

For twenty-five years, RSVP has matched community needs with people willing to help. Volunteers receive a pre-service orientation, followed by on-the-job training from the agency or organization where they are placed. While on duty, volunteers also receive supplemental insurance. Individuals age 55 and older utilize their skills and experiences to help their communities. They can serve from a few hours a week to forty hours a week in one or more efforts. Many continue the type of work they enjoyed earlier, while others try something different.

As a RSVP volunteer, you might...

- Tutor or mentor at-risk children
- Build homes for low income families
- Teach computer skills
- Make hospital visits
- Organize neighborhood watch programs
- Help communities recover from natural disasters
- Teach English to immigrants

In FY2001, more than 12,259 Illinois seniors provided more than 1.7 million hours of service.

Nationally, RSVP volunteers contribute valued at 2.1 billion dollars in FY2001.

Why do RSVP volunteers get involved?

- To learn new skills
- To feel productive
- To network
- To give something back to their community

RSVP volunteers get things done!

In Coles County, Illinois, RSVP volunteers started a recycling center. They raised the necessary funds, leased the building, bought the equipment and organized the volunteers needed to run the center which generates more than $2 million annually for the county and local not-for-profit organizations.

The benefits to individuals, families and communities are both immediate and long lasting.

The federal government and State of Illinois have partnered to provide funding for the twenty-three (23) Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs in Illinois through the Corporation for National Service (*formerly known as ACTION)*, and the Illinois Department on Aging.

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How can I learn more about RSVP?

Call the **Corporation for National Service**, 1-800-424-8867, or

the Illinois Department on Aging's **Senior HelpLine**,1-800-252-8966 (Voice & TTY).

Also, contact one of the local sites listed below.

Illinois Retired & Senior Volunteer Program Sites

Carl Sandburg College
Carthage, IL • (217) 357-2804

CEFS Economic Opportunity Corp.
Effingham, IL • (217) 342-2193

Coles County Council on Aging
Charleston, IL • (217) 345-9530

DOVE, Inc.
Decatur, IL • (217) 428-6616

Family Service of Champaign Co.
Champaign, IL • (217) 359-6500

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Highland Community College
Freeport, IL • (815) 599-3491

Jane Addams Hull House Assoc.
Chicago, IL • (312) 922-2369 (Ext. 300)

John Wood Community College
Quincy, IL • (217) 244-3633

Joliet Diocesan Catholic Charities
Joliet, IL • (815) 723-3405

Lake County Community Action Project
Waukegan, IL • (847) 249-4330

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, Inc.
East St. Louis, IL • (618) 874-8266

Lifescape Community Service, Inc.
Rockford, IL • (815) 963-1609

Maple Lawn Homes, Inc.
Eureka, IL • (309) 467-9059

Peoria Friendship House of Christian Services
Peoria, IL • (309) 682-8521

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Quad Cities
Rock Island, IL • (309) 793-6800

Senior Services of Central Illinois, Inc.
Springfield, IL • (217) 528-4035

Senior Services Associates
McHenry, IL • (815) 344-3555

Shawnee Development Council, Inc.
Karnak, IL • (618) 634-2201

Southwestern Illinois College - District 522
Belleville, IL • (618) 234-4410 (Ext. 7029)

The Volunteer Center of NW Suburban Chicago
Arlington Heights, IL • (847) 228-1006

Triton College
River Grove, IL • (708) 456-0300 (Ex. 3603)

Western Egyptian Economic Opportunities Council
Steeleville, IL • (618) 965-9523

YWCA of McLean County
Normal, IL • (309) 454-1451

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http://www.state.il.us/aging/

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